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SUBJ: FOOD SUPPLIES IN TBILISI AND YALTA

1. AN AMERICAN NANY REPORTS THAT FOOD SUPPLIES IN TBILISI AND YALTA SEEMED VERY GOOD ON RECENTTRIPS SHE MADE TO THOSE CITIES. IN TBILISI SEPT 11-15, SHE FOUND PLENTIFUL SUPPLIES OF MEAT, PARTICULARLY BEEF AND PORK. SOME STORES WERE EVEN SELLING MEAT AT NIGHT, WITH NO LINES OBSERVED. MEAT PRICES RANGED FROM R 2-3 PER KILO. FRUITS WERE GENERALLY PLENTIFUL (THOUGH THEREWERE LINES FOR GRAPES), AS WERE VEGETABLES, TOMATOES COST 12 KOPECKS PER KILO, CABBAGE 10K, CARROTS 15K, ONIONS 30 K, AND POTATOES 15 K. POTATO PRICES WERE REPORTEDLY HIGHER THAN USUAL BECAUSE OF SUPPLY PROBLEMS. BREAD OF SEVERAL SORTS WAS PLENTIFUL.

2. IN YALTA SEPT 15-19, MEAT, FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND BREAD WERE AVAILABLE IN GOOD QUANTITIES. PRICES COMPARABLE TO TBILISIS.
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